



### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Wednesday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>** -  
11:00 -11:30 dismissal  
for Thanksgiving  
weekend.

Many families have children who will be dismissed from the elementary schools at 11:30. And so to help facilitate a smooth pick up we have adjusted our pick up time to be between 11:00 and 11:30. Armadillos and Bunnies will be on the playground for pick up, weather permitting. All other classes will be picked up in their classrooms.

### **Thank You To:**

-Harry's family for the delicious birthday treats. Harry's mom and Maizie's brother Jeffrey for coming in to read to the class.

*Now that the weather is getting colder, please check your child's extra clothes. And please send your children to school each day with hat, mittens and any other appropriate winter gear.*

### **CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS**

As part of our Farm Theme, the dramatic play area was transformed into a puppet theatre, where children reenacted familiar stories like The Three Little Pigs and familiar songs like Old Mac Donald. Using hand puppets and stick puppets they created themselves, the children entertained each other while taking turns being either performers or a very engaged audience.

Using large paper, paint, glue and scissors, we all collaborated to create a big red barn on the bulletin board to serve as a backdrop for their many performances.

### **ACTIVITIES & SKILLS**

Using ingredients produced on a farm-cornmeal, eggs, milk and cream, the Armadillos baked delicious corn muffins to enjoy at circle time. We shook small jars filled with heavy cream to make butter to spread on the muffins. The children were so pleased that their hard work produced such a delicious treat.

At the writing table, we used stencils, stamps and our imaginations to make pictures of our favorite farm animals, and practiced writing the names of those animals. At the sensory tables there were animals in the sand, pigs in "mud" (shaving cream and water color), and measuring and cooking tools in corn meal.

### **FAVORITE STORIES and SONGS**

- Charlie Needs A Cloak by Tomie de Paola
- Farmyard Beat by Lindsey Craig
- Tops and Bottoms adapted by Janet Stevens
- Who Wakes Rooster? By Clare Hodgson Meeker

Down on Grandpa's Farm  
Hey Yanna, Hey Yanna

